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Comments regarding Draft Grant Guidelines & Application for the Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program

Our agency urges you to consider allowing public agencies and special districts as eligible applicants for the funding. As a public water district we promote and implement water conservation programs including drought-tolerant gardens and outdoor education gardens at schools that would be applicable for this funding. By only allowing cities, counties and non-profit organizations to apply, you limit the potential for programs to be implemented from agencies on a regional basis. Our agency wholesales water to 17 cities, nearly 1 million people, and would apply for a project that is implemented in all 17 cities. This regional approach is more cost-effective and sustainable. Our agency is committed to enhancing spaces with measures that promote and educate water conservation, while providing other benefits such as community building, preservation of open space, reduction in water supplies and greenhouse gas emissions, youth education, and providing natural habitat areas. Our agency has a long history of implementing programs on a regional basis and would urge The Strategic Growth Council to consider allowing public agencies and special districts to be eligible applicants for this program.

Sincerely,

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